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SUBJECT: PENSION SCHEME - DUAL AFFILIATION (PO/78/66)

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1. SYG LUNS HAS JUST ISSUED AND SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14
NAC PO/78/66, COMPULSORY DUAL AFFILIATION TO NATO PENSION
SCHEME AND NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME.

2. REFERRING TO THE NATO/GERMAN AGREEMENT ON GERMAN
SOCIAL SECURITY (REFTEL), HE STATED THAT NO PROGRESS HAS
BEEN MADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM QUESTION OF DUAL
AFFILIATION, AND DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE A SOLUTION
BEFORE JUNE 30, 1978, THE END OF THE OPTION PERIOD. HE
BELIEVED THAT THE OPTION PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATO
STAFF SERVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD HAVE TO BE
EXTENDED UNTIL THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN A
REASONABLE AND SATISFACTORY MANNER.

3. THE SYG STATED THIS EXTENSION OF THE OPTION PERIOD
HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN UNION.

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4. ON JUNE 6, THE UK CCG DELEGATE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW
WHEN OR WHETHER AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED BETWEEN
NATO AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE UK NATO EMPLOYEES
WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH NATIONAL AND CCG PENSION
SCHEMES. SINCE BRITISH LAW DOES NOT PERMIT ANYONE OTHER
THAN THE EMPLOYER TO PAY THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION TO
THE NATIONAL SCHEME, THIS IS ONE CAUSE OF THE DELAY.

HE ALSO FELT THE OPTION PERIOD SHOULD BE REOPENED OR EXTENDED ONLY FOR THE BRITISH NATIONALS AND UK RESIDENTS, IF AN AGREEMENT WERE SIGNED.

5. THE FACT THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION HAS ALREADY EXTENDED THE OPTION PERIOD WILL BE DIFFICULT, AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF AN EFFORT TO BREAK COORDINATION. THE NETHERLANDS REP TO THE CCG JUST PHONED THAT HIS DELEGATION LEARNED THE NETHERLANDS PERMREP TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AND WITHDRAW HIS APPROVAL. HE WAS AWAITING TELEGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION OF THIS INFORMATION.

6. SINCE IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN OR WHETHER A NATO/UK AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE OPTION PERIOD BE EXTENDED UNILATERALLY BY NAC. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SHOULD AN AGREEMENT BE SIGNED, THAT THE CCG RECOMMEND REOPENING OF THE OPTION PERIOD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS TO PROVIDE THE NATO/CCG EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE BRITISH NATIONALS OR UK RESIDENTS, TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTION FOR THE PENSION SCHEME.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSAL IN PARAGRAPH 6 AND/OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
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